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FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING FIRST THREE POSTS ON FIELD TRIP WARRANT INTERIM REPORTING FOR OGSM INFO.

1. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
A. GODR HAS REQUESTED DELIVERY REMAINING CORN UNDER SEPTEMBER 28, 1977 AGREEMENT, IMPLYING ADDITIONAL EXTENSION THAT AGREEMENT. ATTACHE IS AWARE THAT SEPARATE DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 401 (B) WILL BE NEEDED; ORIGINAL DETERMINATION COVERED ONLY THE 15,000 MT INCORPORATED IN FIRST PA OF SEPTEMBER AGREEMENT.

B. POSSIBLE WEATHER DAMAGE TO CROPS WAS BEING INVESTIGATED ON DELAPLANE'S DEPARTURE. PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION WAS THAT ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL RAINFALL WAS RECEIVED LATE DECEMBER/EARLY JANUARY, FLOOD DAMAGE WAS MINOR.

C. EMBASSY/SANTO DOMINGO HAS RECEIVED CENTRAL BANK GODR REQUEST FOR FY 1978 AND 1979 PROGRAMS, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED WITH
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EMBASSY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. HAITI

A. CORN DELIVERED LAST SEPTEMBER UNDER APRIL 1977 AMENDMENT TO NOVEMBER 1976 AGREEMENT STILL IN STORAGE, IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION, BUT INFESTATION DEVELOPING. P.L.480 BUREAU OF GOH

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WAS ARRANGING TO START FUMIGATION ON JANUARY 12. GOH APPARANTLY INTENDS DISTRIBUTE CORN BOTH FOR FEED AND FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN ORDER MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF LOSS. RICE DELIVERED UNDER SAME AMENDMENT IS MOVING IN COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

B. EMBASSY EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN WASHINGTON PROGRESS OF TITLE III PROPOSAL. AT TIME OF USDA REP'S VISIT AMBASSADOR HOPED TO PURSUE PERSONALLY WITH SECRETARY HATHAWAY IN LATE FEBRUARY.

3. JAMAICA

A. FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS
TIMING OF FY 1978 AGREEMENT IS MAJOR CONCERN IN KINGSTON-JAMAICA NUTRITION HOLDINGS REPS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED BY END FEBRUARY IN ORDER MINIMIZE NEED FOR GOJ OUTLAY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY IMPORTS CORN AND WHEAT. EMBASSY HOPES BE ABLE SIGN AGREEMENT BY END MARCH. IN ANY EVENT JNH REPS STRESSED NEED OF GOJ BE KEPT ADVISED OF PROBABLE TIMING OF SIGNATURE IN ORDER ALLOW JNH BOTH MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL IMPORTS AS NECESSARY AND PROVIDE MAXIMUM LEAD TIME ARRANGE TITLE I IMPORTS TAKING CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS INTO ACCOUNT. EMBASSY STRONGLY REQUESTED THAT USDA PERSONNEL WORK OUT WITH JNH OPTIMUM PURCHASING/SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS ONCE AGREEMENT SIGNED.

B. IN ADDITION TO $10 MILLION REQUEST FOR CORN AND WHEAT TO BE
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IMPORTED BY JNH, THE CENTRAL FOOD ORGANIZATIO SIN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL HAS REQUESTED $2 MILLION BLENDED/FORTIFIED FOODS PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. EMBASSY WISHES CONSIDER THE BFF REQUEST AS ADDITIVE TO $10 MILLION IN LAST ALLOCATION TABLE REPORTED TO THE CONGRESS. EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED FROM GOJ ON JANUARY 12 AN ORAL SUPPLEMENTAL TITLE I REQUEST FOR $6 MILLION IN RICE AND "COUNTER FLOUR."

C. EMBASSY'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RON CURTIS, WHO IS ASSIGNED MAJOR PORTION OF EMBASSY'S TITLE I ACTIVITIES, PLANS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 18 OR 19 FOR VISIT APPROXIMATELY MDE WEEK'S DURATION. CURTIS PLANS CALL ON P.L. 480 AREA, OGSM.
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